

Exhibit B

2.0 "Mirroring" Bifurcated Rates for Local, ISP, and Internet-Bound Traffic

2.1 The compensation set forth below will apply to all Local and Local ISP Traffic as defined below in Section 2.x of this Appendix, depending on whether the call is terminated directly to an End Office or through a Tandem.

2.2 Bifurcated Rates (Call Set Up and Call Duration). The Parties agree to compensate each other for the termination of Local Calls and Local ISP Traffic on a "bifurcated" basis, meaning assessing an initial Call Set Up charge on a per Message basis, and then assessing a separate Call Duration charge on a per Minute of Use (MOU) basis. The following rate elements apply to this traffic.

2.3 Tandem Serving Rate Elements:

2.3.1 Tandem Switching - compensation for the use of tandem switching (only) functions. The applicable rate is:

- a) Tandem Switch Set Up (per Message)
- b) Tandem Switch Duration (per MOU)

2.3.2 Tandem Transport - compensation for the transmission facilities between the local tandem and the end offices subtending that tandem. The applicable rates are:

- a) Common Transport Termination (per MOU)
- b) Common Transport Facility (per MOU per mile)

2.3.3 End Office Switching in a Tandem Serving Arrangement - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in a tandem-served arrangement. It consists of an additional call set-up rate element and a call duration rate element as follows:

- a) End Office Setup (per Message)
- b) End Office Duration (per MOU)

2.4 End Office Serving Rate Elements:

2.4.1 End Office Switching - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in an end office serving arrangement. It consists of a call set up rate element and a call duration rate element, as follows:

- a) End Office Switch Set Up (per Message)
- b) End Office Switch Duration (per MOU)

2.5 For purposes of this Amendment, the Parties agree that "Local Calls" or "Local Traffic" and Local ISP or Local Internet-bound call will be rated and compensated at the

same rates and rate structures, depending on the End Office or Tandem serving arrangement, so long as the originating end user of one Party and the terminating ISP end user of the other Party are:

(a) both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC local (or "general") exchange tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or

(b) both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas, or within an ILEC exchange and an Independent ILEC exchange, that share a common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.